banks from farmers as on 31-12-1988 latest available in the State of Andhra Pradesh was Rs. 1827 crores and the same from small scale industries was Rs. 807 crores. The loans disbursed for agriculture and small scale industries (SSI) in the State during the last three years is as under :

(Rs. in Crores)

	S.S.I.	Agriculture
Year ending December, 1987 .	197.09	1080.4 1234.4
Year ending March, 1989 , .	183.05	1086.9 (upto
Year ending March, 1990.	150.94	Dec, 89)

Reserve Bank of India has prescribed liberalised security and margin norms for advances to agriculture and allied activities. No margin is required to be taken for loans upto 10,000/- where moveable assets are created and for crop loans the banks have been advised by Reserve Bank of India not to ask for collateral security by way of mortgage of land or third party guarantee.

Income-tax Exemption for Contributions Towards Chief Minister's Relief Fund

3525. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to fully exempt the contribution towards Chief Ministers' Relief Fund from Income-tax; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL I SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) A proposal was received from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh seeking 100% exemption under section 80G of the Income-tax Act, for the donations to Chief Minister's Fund so as to enable people to contribute liberally for reliefs to cyclone affected people of Andhra Pradesh. After consideration of the proposal, the Government has advised the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to consider having a "Andhra Pradesh Cyclone Relief Programme" as part of the Prime Minister's Relief Fund. The contributions to the Andhra Pradesh Cyclone Relief Programme could be routed through the Prime Minister's Relief Fund with a specific request that these, be used for the purposes of the Andhra Pradesh Cyclone Relief Programme. The funds so mobilised could then be transferred by the Prime Minister's Relief Fund to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. Since, contributions to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund are eligible for 100 per cent deduction under section 80G of the Income-tax Act, any contribution in the aforesaid manner will also be eligible for 100 per cent deduction under section 80G of the Income-tax Act.

Cracks in the State Trading Corporation's Building

3526. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the STC's 23-storeyed building in New Delhi has developed cracks in three floors;

(b) whether Government have received the CBI report after investigating certain disquietening features in the construction of the said building; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the concerned officials ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a)Based on the review of the structural design of the building, M/s. Engineers India Ltd. and the Indian Insti-i tute of Technology, Delhi has indicated the